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EVALUATION OF PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of project study carried out by Research Evaluation Officers (REOs)/ Programme Evaluation Organization of Planning Commission;
- (b) whether there is any mechanism to include these units for the evaluation of the projects submitted by the State Governments ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to utilize the services of REOs/ PEOs for coordinating the work of Planning Commission and State Planning Boards for review of effective implementation of schemes, maximum utilization of funds, timely assessment of loss due to drought, flood, etc.; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR.ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): The Programme Evaluation Organization (PEO) of Planning Commission has been conducting evaluation studies of the Central Sector Schemes/Centrally Sponsored Schemes on the behest of the implementing Ministries/Departments of Government of India. These evaluation studies are prioritized by the Development Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC) under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

The Regional Evaluation Officers (REOs) and Project Evaluation Officers (PEOs) of PEO field units collect field data according to the guidance of PEO Hqrs. In the field, they have carried out the following in-house studies, which have been drafted and finalised by PEO Hqrs.:

- i Rural Roads Component of Bharat Nirman
- ii Cooked Mid-day Meals (CMDM)
- iii Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA)
- iv Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC).

Presently, they are involved in field work of two on-going in-house studies, namely, (i) Efficacy of Minimum Support Price to Agricultural Farmers (MSP), (ii) Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS).

(b)&(c): The REOs/PEOs of PEO field units can take up evaluation of the projects submitted by the State Government, if such proposals are approved by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission as head of the Development Evaluation Advisory Committee(DEAC).

(d)&(e): At present, there is no such proposal with PEO to utilize the services of REOs/PEOs for coordinating the work of Planning Commission and State Planning Boards for review of effective implementation of schemes, maximum utilization of funds, timely assessment of loss due to drought, flood, etc.